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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: D. Abebe
YASUO OKUTANI ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2655
Application No.: 09/818,581	)	
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Filed: March 28, 2001	)	
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For: SYNTHESIS UNIT SELECTION	)	January 28, 2005
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM (As Amended)	)	

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Commissioner for Patents

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications, a copy of each of which is enclosed:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
09/262,852	Masayuki Yamada	March 5, 1999	2655	Pending

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
09/263,262	Masayuki Yamada	March 5, 1999	2654	Pending

#### FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas W. Pinsky", is written over a horizontal line.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>5,633,984</b>	<b>05/1997</b>	<b>Aso et al.</b>		
		<b>6,546,367 B2</b>	<b>04/2003</b>	<b>Otsuka</b>		
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED		

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicants.

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